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TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

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Value for agricultural products for 1963 was the highest ever recorded for San Luis Obispo County. The major gains appear in field crops, fruit and nut crops. Vegetable crops show lower overall value due to lower prices. Figures on crop value are F.O.B. and include growing, harvesting and packing cost.

Miles of coast line, inland lakes, State and County parks and National forests offer boundless opportunities for camping, fishing, hunting, boating and swimming. Other points of interest are Hearst Castle, Mission San Luis Obispo De Tolosa (1772), Mission San Miguel Archangel (1797) and other historical landmarks.

San Luis Obispo is a semi-rural community with a County wide population of 95,300, a land area of 3,284 square miles and the home of California's leading Agricultural College--Cal Poly.

This report was gathered and compiled by Joseph B. Gottfried, Chief Deputy Agricultural Commissioner.

Respectfully submitted,

Earl R. Kalar
Agricultural Commissioner

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

Produced in
SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY
During 1963

County Department of Agriculture

EARL KALAR, Commissioner

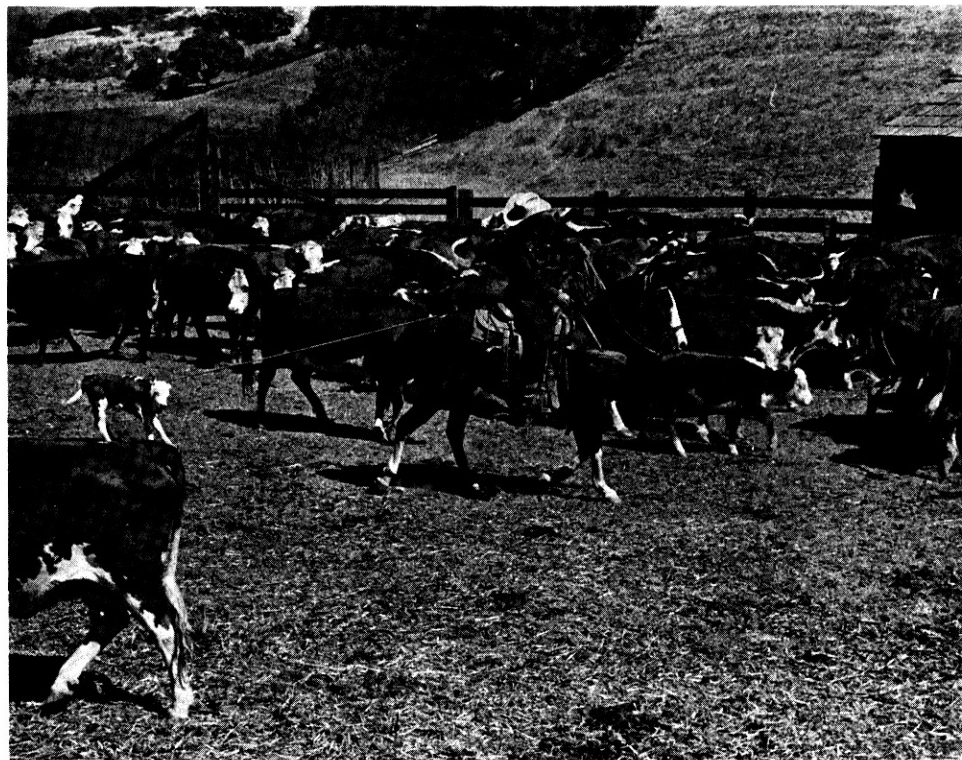
CROP	Planted		PRODUCTION		VALUE		
	Year	Acreage	Per Acre	Total	Unit	Per Unit	Total
Artichokes----	1963	400	240	96,000	23#	2.90	\$ 278,400
	1962	430	230	98,900	flat	2.17	214,600
Beans (Snap)--	1963	700	121	84,700	cwt.	9.50	804,700
	1962	960	108	104,100	cwt.	9.84	1,024,300
Broccoli-----	1963	2,700	59	159,300	cwt.	7.49	1,193,200
	1962	1,820	45	82,000	cwt.	8.13	666,700
Brussels-----	1963	120	118	14,200	cwt.	11.60	164,700
Sprouts	1962	90	116	10,500	cwt.	11.50	120,800
Cabbage-----	1963	250	228	57,000	cwt.	2.55	145,400
	1962	240	270	64,500	cwt.	3.90	251,600
Carrots-----	1963	990	238	235,600	cwt.	2.71	638,500
	1962	790	274	216,700	cwt.	3.80	823,500
Cauliflower---	1963	650	217	141,100	42#	2.38	335,800
	1962	690	243	168,200	crate	3.76	632,500
Celery-----	1963	1,410	821	1,157,600	62½#	2.08	2,407,800
	1962	1,490	914	1,358,200	crate	2.49	3,382,000
Cucumbers-----	1963	60	630	37,800	32#	1.51	57,100
	1962	60	590	34,800	lug	1.73	60,200
Lettuce-----	1963	2,210	507	1,120,500	43#	1.20	1,344,600
	1962	2,370	453	1,071,300	ctn.	1.49	1,596,200
Peas (Edible--	1963	460	29	13,300	cwt.	29.00	385,700
Pod)	1962	450	34	15,100	cwt.	32.50	490,800
Peas (Green)--	1963	360	21	7,600	cwt.	10.50	79,800
	1962	330	15	4,800	cwt.	12.00	57,600
Peppers (Bell)	1963	170	97	16,500	cwt.	5.30	87,500
	1962	90	103	9,100	cwt.	5.90	53,700
Peppers-----	1963	40	96	3,800	cwt.	11.00	41,800
(Other)	1962	140	108	15,400	cwt.	12.00	184,800
Potatoes-----	1963	600	280	168,000	cwt.	2.65	445,200
	1962	1,220	291	354,700	cwt.	1.82	645,600
Romaine-----	1963	560	654	366,200	68#	1.85	677,500
	1962	400	445	179,300	crate	1.65	295,800
Spinach-----	1963	20	10	200	ton	27.50	5,500
(Processing)	1962	--	--	--	--	--	--
Tomatoes-----	1963	120	104	12,500	cwt.	7.60	95,000
	1962	110	105	11,200	cwt.	6.80	76,200
Tomatoes-----	1963	--	--	--	--	--	--
(Processing)	1962	320	16.5	5,300	ton	27.00	143,100
Miscellaneous-	1963	250	9	2,250	ton	90.00	202,500
	1962	340	10	3,400	ton	105.00	357,000
TOTAL	1963	12,070					\$ 9,390,700
VEGETABLE CROP	1962	12,340					11,077,000

FIELD CROPS: Acreage, Production, Value 1962-63

CROP	Year	Harvested Acreage	PRODUCTION		Unit	Per Unit	VALUE	
			Per Acre	Total			Total	
Alfalfa-----	1963	11,900	6	71,400	ton	30.25	2,159,900	
	1962	12,000	6	72,000	ton	23.00	1,656,000	
Beans								
Small Whites-	1963	800	16	12,800	cwt.	8.50	108,800	
	1962	600	17.2	10,300	cwt.	8.30	85,500	
Pinks-----	1963	100	17	1,700	cwt.	8.90	15,100	
	1962	100	15	1,500	cwt.	8.65	13,000	
Garbanzo-----	1963	1,100	14	15,400	cwt.	13.50	207,900	
	1962	900	9.11	8,200	cwt.	13.50	110,700	
Miscellaneous-	1963	100	18	1,800	cwt.	9.00	16,200	
	1962	30	6.66	200	cwt.	8.00	1,600	
Corn, Field---	1963	200	49	9,800	cwt.	2.60	25,500	
	1962	200	50.5	10,100	cwt.	2.50	25,300	
Corn, Silage--	1963	1,200	34	40,800	ton	6.00	244,800	
	1962	800	33	26,400	ton	5.80	153,100	
Grain								
Barley-----	1963	63,200	19	1,200,800	cwt.	2.55	3,062,000	
	1962	60,500	18.953	1,146,700	cwt.	2.55	2,924,100	
Oats-----	1963	8,600	13	111,800	cwt.	2.50	279,500	
	1962	7,200	12.8	92,200	cwt.	2.60	239,700	
Wheat-----	1963	65,200	9.07	91,400	cwt.	3.22	1,904,300	
	1962	70,200	10.11	709,700	cwt.	3.35	2,377,500	
Hay-----	1963	50,700	2	101,400	ton	29.00	2,940,600	
	1962	49,500	1.8	89,100	ton	24.00	2,138,400	
Permanent-----	1963	3,700	Value reflected in Livestock Sales					
Pasture	1962	3,700						
Sugar Beets---	1963	2,400	22.87	54,900	ton	15.72	863,000	
	1962	2,600	19.116	49,700	ton	14.47	719,200	
Sugar Beet----	1963	1,200			acre	10.00	12,000	
Pasture	1962	1,300			acre	9.70	12,600	
Seed								
Field Crop---	1963	2,800			acre	227.00	635,600	
& Vegetable	1962	2,600			acre	259.00	673,400	
Flower-----	1963	76			acre	380.00	28,900	
	1962	80			acre	260.00	20,800	
Miscellaneous-	1963	16,100					1,207,500	
	1962	14,300					1,001,000	
TOTAL	1963	229,376					\$13,711,600	
FIELD CROPS	1962	226,580					12,151,900	

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY: Production and Value 1962-63

ITEM	Year	Number of Head	PRODUCTION		Per Unit	VALUE	
			Total	Unit		Total	Total
Beef Cattle---	1963	87,400	823,300	cwt.	22.19	\$18,270,600	
	1962	85,600	801,200	cwt.	23.45	18,789,200	
Beef Cattle--- 1963			52,800	cwt.	23.83	1,258,200	
Feed Lot-Out of County							
Dairy Cows---- and Heifers	1963	1,300		each	246.00	319,800	
	1962	1,700		each	258.00	438,600	
Calves----- (Veal)	1963	4,100	1,230,000	lbs.	.255	313,700	
	1962	4,500	810,000	lbs.	.27	218,700	
Hogs-----	1963	2,100	472,500	lbs.	.172	81,300	
	1962	2,200	495,000	lbs.	.187	92,600	
Chickens----- (Broilers and Fryers)	1963	1,075,000	3,225,000	lbs.	.146	470,900	
	1962	1,570,000	4,710,000	lbs.	.144	678,200	
Baby Chicks---	1963		2,239,000	each	.133	298,000	
	1962		1,400,000	each	.20	280,000	
Turkeys----- (Meat)	1963	498,000	10,956,000	lbs.	.216	2,366,500	
	1962	765,000	16,830,000	lbs.	.202	3,399,700	
Sheep and----- Lambs	1963	9,300	790,500	lbs.	.186	147,000	
	1962	11,200	952,000	lbs.	.184	175,200	
Miscellaneous-	1963					40,000	
	1962					45,000	
TOTAL LIVESTOCK 1963						\$23,566,000	
AND POULTRY 1962						24,117,200	



LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS: Production and Value 1962-63

ITEM	Year	Animals	PRODUCTION		Unit	Per Unit	VALUE	
			Average	Total			Total	Total
Milk-----	1963	9,800	66.44					
	1962	10,800	61.28					
Market Milk--	1963			577,000	cwt.	4.54	\$ 2,620,000	
	1962			576,000	cwt.	4.61	2,655,000	
Manufacturing	1963			74,100	cwt.	2.93	217,000	
	1962			88,700	cwt.	2.98	264,000	
Wool-----	1963	9,100	7.7	70,100	lbs.	.468	32,800	
	1962	9,600	7.6	73,000	lbs.	.634	46,300	
Chicken Eggs								
Market-----	1963	182,300	20 doz	3,646,000	doz.	.320	1,166,700	
	1962	243,000	20 doz	4,860,000	doz.	.314	1,527,000	
Hatching-----	1963	86,000	12 doz	1,032,000	doz	.70	722,400	
	1962	87,000	12 doz	1,044,000	doz	.80	835,200	
Honey-----	1963	6,800 colonies		200,000	lbs.	.135	27,000	
	1962	10,000 colonies		1,800,000	lbs.	.120	216,000	
Miscellaneous-	1963						24,000	
	1962						20,000	



CROP	Year	Harvested	PRODUCTION		Unit	Per Unit	VALUE
		Acreage	Per Acre	Total			Total
Almonds-----	1963	6,300	.316	1,990	ton	500.00	\$ 995,000
	1962	6,150	Crop Failure				
Apples-----	1963	140	5.5	770	ton	90.00	69,300
	1962	140	1.3	180	ton	69.00	12,800
Apricots-----	1963	60	1.5	90	ton	112.00	10,100
	1962	80	Crop Failure				
Grapes-----	1963	500	.66	330	ton	80.00	26,400
	1962	400	.9084	360	ton	90.86	32,800
Pears-----	1963	40	Crop Failure				
	1962	60	.711	43	ton	79.00	3,300
Walnuts-----	1963	990	.63	620	ton	440.00	272,800
	1962	1,000	.49	490	ton	385.00	187,900
Strawberries--	1963	360	22,500	8,100,000	lbs.	.19	1,539,000
	1962	430	12,600	5,418,000	lbs.	.16	866,900
Miscellaneous-	1963	90	.78	70	ton	87.00	6,100
	1962	90	.69	60	ton	74.00	4,600
TOTAL FRUIT	1963	8,480					\$ 2,918,700
AND NUT CROPS	1962	8,350					1,108,300

GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS: 1962-63

	Year	Valuation
Soil Bank-----	1963	\$ 552,700
and Conser-	1962	443,900
vation Reserve		

GRAND TOTAL OF ALL AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS:

Year	Acreage	Valuation
1963	249,926	\$54,949,600
1962	247,270	54,461,800

COMPARISON OF THE VALUATIONS OF THE MAJOR GROUPS DURING THE PAST TEN YEARS:

	ANIMAL INDUSTRY	FIELD CROPS	FRUIT & NUT CROPS	GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS	VEGETABLE CROPS	TOTAL VALUATIONS
1954----	18,019,000	9,681,100	724,600		8,127,700	\$36,552,400
1955----	19,213,900	10,534,800	961,700		9,144,700	39,855,100
1956----	18,306,100	11,691,300	1,207,000		11,068,600	42,273,000
1957----	21,077,400	12,109,900	1,008,200		12,047,800	46,243,300
1958----	25,387,900	10,082,900	1,975,300		9,413,300	46,859,400
1959----	27,009,400	10,070,000	3,097,400	582,500	12,823,800	53,583,100
1960----	27,351,000	8,580,800	2,402,000	584,700	11,045,400	49,963,900
1961----	28,373,300	7,465,000	2,469,700	588,500	12,310,700	51,007,200
1962----	29,680,700	12,151,900	1,108,300	443,900	11,077,000	54,461,800
1963----	28,375,900	13,711,600	2,918,700	552,700	9,390,700	54,949,600

